

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge the allowance of Claims 1, 2 and 21-25, as set forth at page 11 of the Office Action. In addition, Claims 6, 11 and 12 have been rejected on prior art grounds only. Finally, Applicants note that Claim 5 has not been rejected on either formal grounds or prior art grounds, and it is assumed, therefore, to be considered allowable. By the foregoing amendment, Applicants have cancelled Claims 3, 4, 7-10, 13, 14 and 18-20. In addition, Claims 5 and 6 have been amended to place them in independent form, while Claims 11 and 12 have been amended in a manner which addresses, and is believed to resolve, the formal grounds of rejection set forth in the Office Action.

By virtue of the foregoing amendments, Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 11, 12 and 21-25, which remain of record in this application, are now believed to be allowable.

In response to the Examiner's comments regarding Claim 6, Applicants have amended the penultimate paragraph thereof to clarify that the "first control apparatus" and "second control apparatus" collectively make up the "at least one control apparatus" referred to in the body of former Claim 3. Accordingly, Claim 6 is now believed to be clear and definite. In addition, Claim 11 has been amended to recite the cooperative relationships between the elements set forth

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therein, and Claim 12 has been amended to recite that the separate power supply system supplies power "to a further load component, through a fifth fuse". Accordingly, Claims 11 and 12 are now believed to be clear and definite as well.

In light of the foregoing remarks, this application should be in condition for allowance, and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #381NP/47981).

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